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ON THE MIDDLE EAST

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST APPROVED  
ON JUNE 29 BY THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND ISSUED DURING  
THEIR EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN LONDON.

BEGIN TEXT:

AT THE PRESENT CRITICAL STAGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE  
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NINE WELCOME ALL EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE TO BRING TO AN  
END THE TRAGIC CONFLICT THERE. THEY EMPHASIZE THE CRUCIAL  
INTEREST WHICH THEY SEE IN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIA-  
TIONS TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. THEY CALL ON ALL  
THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO AGREE URGENTLY TO PARTICIPATE IN  
SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC SPIRIT;  
AT THIS JUNCTURE IN PARTICULAR ALL PARTIES SHOULD REFRAIN

FROM STATEMENTS OR POLICIES WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO THE PURSUIT OF PEACE.

2. THE NINE SET OUT ON MANY OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THEIR STATEMENTS OF 6 NOVEMBER 1973, 28 SEPTTEMBER 1976 AND 7 DECEMBER 1976, THEIR VIEW THAT A PEACE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND ON:

- I. THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE;
- II. THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO END THE TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED SINCE THE CONFLICT OF 1967;
- III. RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA AND THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES;
- IV. RECOGNITION THAT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

IT REMAINS THEIR FIRM VIEW THAT ALL THESE ASPECTS MUST BE TAKEN AS A WHOLE.

3. THE NINE HAVE AFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO GIVE EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION TO ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY IS TRANSLATED INTO FACT, WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED

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FOR A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, ISRAEL MUST BE READY TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE: EQUALLY, THE ARAB SIDE MUST BE READY TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. IT IS NOT THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE THAT THE SECURITY OF THE STATES OF THE REGION CAN BE ASSURED; BUT IT MUST BE BASED ON COMMITMENTS TO PEACE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING TRULY PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

4. THE NINE BELIEVE THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE RESUMED URGENTLY, WITH THE AIM OF AGREEING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT. THEY REMAIN READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXTENT THE PARTIES WISH IN FINDING A SETTLEMENT AND IN PUTTING IT INTO EFFECT. THEY ARE ALSO READY TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN QUARANTEES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS. END TEXT.

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